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PREVENT ACCIDENTS

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Accidents touch the life and pocketbook of one out of every four Americans.

In 1942, accidents in the United States caused 93,000 deaths and 9,200,000 injuries and cost $5,200,000,000.

Approximately 5 percent of these losses occurred on farms.

This means that accidents killed 4,600 farmers, injured 450,000 farmers, and caused a loss of $26,000,000 to farmers and their properties.

By **being careful** you can do your part in preventing farm accidents.

Here is what you can do:

- **Locate the danger spots on your farm.**
- **Get rid of these danger spots.**

Remember that accidents do not "just happen." They are **always caused.** Accidents that **can** happen usually **do** happen. Sooner or later an accident is likely to occur from a neglected dangerous condition. Know the causes of accidents and get rid of them.

The check list on the back of this sheet provides you with a simple, effective method of discovering the common hazards which may exist on your farm.

Have all the members of your family help with this check-up. It will make them safety-minded. Correcting the danger spots will be certain to improve the farmstead.

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Suggestions for accident prevention on the farm

Inspect Property Quarterly and Answer Yes or No	Answer questions during—			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Are You Protecting Your Family and Property Against Fires?				
Do You—				
Regularly inspect and clean chimneys and stovepipes?				
Avoid using kerosene and gasoline in starting fires?				
Insulate wood and other inflammable materials from the heat of stove and stovepipes?				
Store gasoline and other inflammable or explosive materials at safe distances from major farm buildings?				
Properly clean and adjust kerosene and other burners?				
Have handy means available for putting out fires?				
Are You Protecting Your Family Against Preventable Falls?				
Do You—				
Use only safe ladders, securely fastened?				
Provide adequate handrails for steps, porches, stairways?				
Keep steps, porches, and stairways in good repair and clear of rubbish and all tripping hazards?				
Keep wells, cisterns, pits, etc., securely covered?				
Are You Protecting Your Family Against Preventable Injuries From Animals?				
Do You—				
Keep bulls, boars, and rams securely penned?				
Use care in handling animals with newborn young?				
Keep vicious dogs tied up and away from children?				
Speak to animals before entering stalls?				
Are You Protecting Your Family Against Preventable Injuries by Machinery, Tools, Equipment of All Kinds?				
Do You—				
Keep all hazardous belts, gears, etc., well guarded?				
Permit only experienced operators on machinery?				
Stop equipment before adjusting, refueling, etc.?				
Keep children away from dangerous equipment?				
Safely use and store sharp-edged tools?				
Keep yard clear of broken tools, machinery, etc.?				
Are You Encouraging Accident Prevention in Your Home?				
Do You—				
Urge members of your family to work safely, play safely, drive safely, and otherwise prevent accidents by correcting conditions that might cause accidents?				
Do You—				
Have first-aid materials on hand for treatment of minor scratches and injuries?				
Are such materials safely placed away from children?				

Inspection points the way to protection

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